

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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Berthing of Bigger Vessels

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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the draft at all the ports including major and hub-ports in the country, port-wise;
- (b) the details of targets fixed and achieved for increasing draft at various ports in the current plan period in the country, port-wise;
- (c) the time by which these targets are likely to be achieved, port-wise;
- (d) whether all the major and hub-ports in the country have the capability to handle all types of vessels/bigger ships including those which need draft level of around 17-18 meter and if so, the details thereof, port-wise; and
- (e) if not, the steps taken/being taken to increase the draft and facilitate other requirements needed for berthing of bigger vessels?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a) to (c): A minimum draft availability of 14 metres in Major Ports has been targeted for achievement by the end of 12th Plan period. Most Major Ports already have a minimum draft of 14 meters and the remaining major ports have plans to achieve this level. Details of existing draft and proposed draft in the entrance channels in the 12 Major Ports are given in the Annexure.

(d) & (e): In view of the draft limitations, presently Visakhapatnam Port can handle all types of vessels/ bigger ships of draft level upto 18.1 metres. Chennai Port is handling tankers requiring 17 metres draft during high waters at Bharathi Dock-III and Kandla Port has the capability of handling big ships including ships requiring 17 metres draft at Tuna Tekra Terminal and at Vadinar.

Annexure

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Name of Port Existing draft (mtrs) Proposed Draft (mtrs) By when likely

Kolkata 7.2-7.5 No proposal to increase draft at present Kolkata is the only riverine Major Port which suffers from perennial siltation coupled with

morphological changes.

Paradip 14.5 18.0 31.12.2017

Visakhapatnam Inner Harbour: 14.5 Outer Harbour: 18.1 No proposal to increase draft at present

Kamarajar

(Ennore) 13.5-16 18.0 31.03.2017

Chennai Inner Harbour: 13.0 Outer Harbour: 17.0 No proposal to increase draft at present

V.O. Chidambaram

(Tuticorin) 9.7 to 12.8 No proposal to increase draft at present Development of outer harbour is planned

Cochin 14.5 No proposal to increase draft at present

New Mangalore 14.0 No proposal to increase draft at present

Mormugao 14.4 19.8 31.12.2016

Mumbai 14.0 proposal to increase draft of Fifth oil berth of Jawahar Dweep to 16.1 meters 31.12.2016

Jawaharlal Nehru 14.0 15.0 31.12.2017

Kandla 13.0 Tuna: 15.0 No proposal to increase draft at present Transloading in practice

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